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REMARKS

25X1 1. On 16 November 1950, the dead body of a Soviet major was transported from Spremberg (O 52/A 55) to Cottbus. The funeral procession started from the yard of the Spremberg barracks installation, where 24 officers and 150 to 200 EM stood in formation while other EM lined each side of the way to the barracks gate. All windows of a company building at the gate were occupied by soldiers looking on. After a rifle volley, the funeral procession began to move. It was composed of a military band of platoon strength, 2 officers carrying cushions with decorations and medals, 24 officers, truck carrying the coffin, 4 officers, 52 EM and trucks

25X1 2. On the evening of 16 November, all windows of the barracks installations were lighted. A tank regiment of about 1,200 men was believed to be quartered there. The officers of the unit were billeted in a former settlement of the German Armed Forces, about 500 meters from the barracks installation toward the town of Spremberg. Between the four-family houses of the settlement there was a smaller apartment house guarded by a sentry. The occupation of this house could not be determined.

25X1 3. From 25 to 30 trucks were stored in the wooden garages on the road to Luja. Trucks were toward Cottbus. *

25X1 Comment. The report indicates that the unit of the 9th Mecz Div which is stationed in Spremberg, very probably the division's unidentified Hv Tank SP Bt. was at the post on 16 November. Compare with a previous report on the return of tank units to the post between 16 and 22 October.

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